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SUBJECT: UNOFFICIAL REACTION TO PRES. FORD'S STATEMENTS ON
RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

1. AUG 14 PRESS CARRIES BRIEF REPORT THAT "OFFICIAL SOURCE"
EXPRESSED "SATISFACTION" OF GOC OVER STATEMENTS OF PRES. FORD
ON RELATIONS OF US WITH LA. SOURCE SAID THAT NEW AMERICAN
PRES. UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY THAT "OUR COUNTRIES" ARE SEEKING
INDIVIDUALLY AND AMONG THEMSELVES UNITY IN CONFRONTING
COMMON PROBLEMS.

2. IN APPARENT NON SEQUITUR, SOURCE QUOTED AS NOTING THAT LAST
15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, IN CUBA AS IN CHILE, AS DEMONSTRATED
DRAMATIC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FAILURE OF MARXISM. HE EMPHA-
SIZED THAT SEPARATION OF CUBA FROM OAS IS CAUSED BY "EXTRA-
CONTINENTAL INFLUENCES", AND AS CHILE CELEBRATES FIRST
ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION IT HOPES THAT CUBA WILL ONE DAY BE
REINTEGRATED AS A FREE AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY IN THE
CONTINENTAL COMMUNITY.

3. COMMENT: GRATUITOUS INTRODUCTION OF CUBA INTO COMMENTARY
MAY REFLECT CHILEAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CHANGE IN US CUBAN
POLICY, ABOUT WHICH WE ARE INTERMITTENTLY QUESTIONED.

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